

What is claimed is:

Claim 1

A data transfer method comprising: displaying an operation target arbitrarily selected by a user, judging whether coordinates when a switching operation was performed by an input device for said operation target are within a range specified with a range specification operation by an input device prior to this switching operation, and transferring data within said specified range to a transfer destination in the case said coordinates are within the specified range.

Claim 2

A data transfer method according to claim 1 wherein, a first switch is used for the switching operation of the input device.

Claim 3

A data transfer method according to claim 1 wherein, range specification is performed according to predetermined rules when a switching operation is performed at an arbitrary location where a range is desired to be specified.

Claim 4

A data transfer method according to claim 1 wherein, range division is performed in advance according to predetermined rules for an operation target of an input device, and if an arbitrary divided range among a plurality of divided ranges is instructed by an input device, that divided range is used as the specified range.

Claim 5

A data transfer method according to claim 1 wherein, an arbitrary transfer destination among a plurality of transfer destinations can be set for the transfer destination.

Claim 6

A data transfer method according to claim 1 wherein, together with displaying a plurality of transfer destinations on a menu and selecting a transfer destination from that menu, the most recently selected transfer destination is used as the default transfer destination.

Claim 7

A data transfer method according to claim 1 wherein, in the case the operation target has a hyper link, processing can be performed to disable that hyper link.

Claim 8

A data transfer method according to claim 1 wherein, the pointer of an input device is moved to within a specified range after specifying that range.

Claim 9

A data transfer method according to claim 1 wherein, data within a specified range is transferred to a transfer destination by designating data by a range specification operation using an input device, followed by pressing a switch provided by a different input device than the input device used to perform the range specification operation.

Claim 10

A data transfer method according to claim 1 wherein, control is performed by receiving the results of voice recognition of words vocalized by a user indicating the desire to specify a

range, judging whether the line of text of the recognition results agrees with a displayed line of text, and placing the focus on the displayed line of text if they agree.

Claim 11

A data transfer device equipped with:

an input device,

a display device for displaying an operation target arbitrarily selected by a user and which is operated using the input device, and,

a processing device that judges whether coordinates when a switching operation was performed by said input device for said operation target are within a range specified with a range specification operation performed prior to this switching operation by said input device, and transfers data within said specified range to a transfer destination based on transfer destination data in the case said coordinates are judged to be within said specified range.

Claim 12

A data transfer device according to claim 11 wherein, a first switch is used for the switching operation of the input device.

Claim 13

A data transfer device according to claim 11 wherein, said processing device performs range specification according to predetermined rules when a switching operation is performed at an arbitrary location where the range is desired to be specified.

Claim 14

A data transfer device according to claim 11 wherein, range division is performed in advance according to predetermined rules for an operation target of an input device, and if an arbitrary divided range among a plurality of divided ranges is instructed by an input device, said processing device uses that divided range as the specified range.

Claim 15

A data transfer device according to claim 11 wherein, said

processing device makes it possible to set an arbitrary transfer destination among a plurality of transfer destinations for the transfer destination.

Claim 16

A data transfer device according to claim 11 wherein, said processing device makes it possible to display a plurality of transfer destinations on a menu and select a transfer destination from that menu, while also making it possible to use the most recently selected transfer destination as the default transfer destination.

Claim 17

A data transfer device according to claim 11 wherein, said processing device is able to perform processing that disables the operation of a hyper link in the case said operation target has a hyper link.

Claim 18

A data transfer device according to claim 11 wherein, said processing device makes it possible to move the pointer of an

input device to within a specified range after specifying that range.

Claim 19

A data transfer device according to claim 11 wherein, said processing device transfers data within a specified range to a transfer destination by designating data by a range specification operation using an input device, followed by pressing a switch provided by a different input device than the input device used to perform the range specification operation.

Claim 20

A data transfer device according to claim 11 wherein, said processing device performs control by receiving the results of voice recognition of words vocalized by a user indicating the desire to specify a range, judging whether the line of text of the recognition results agrees with a displayed line of text, and placing the focus on the displayed line of text if they agree.